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Vice President's Clean Water Action Plan progress

On February 14, 1998, Carol Browner, Administrator of EPA and Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture sent the Clean Water Action Plan to Vice President Gore. The Plan is intended to fulfill the promises of the Clean Water Act. Key elements and current progress of the Clean Water Action Plan related to the Office of Wastewater Management are highlighted below.

CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND

In our efforts to encourage expanded use of revolving loan funds to reduce polluted runoff, the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) provides a powerful funding resource for implementing the Clean Water Action Plan. In support of the Action Plan, we have committed to increase the number and dollar amount of SRF loans used to prevent polluted runoff. In addition, we

have committed to substantially increase the number of states using integrated priority setting systems to make funding decisions. Integrated priority setting systems will enable states to direct CWSRF assistance to a variety of point and nonpoint source projects based on environmental needs. Under the Action Plan, we are also committed to guiding states on the use of loan funds in support of decentralized sewage management systems.

With a wide array of project eligibilities, innovative uses of the CWSRF should provide broad based financial support for many Key Actions listed in the Plan. NPS and estuarine activities that have been or can be funded by the CWSRF include agricultural BMPs, storm water abatement, erosion controls, corrective actions for landfills, source water protection, wildlife habitat restoration, purchases of conservation easements and wetlands restoration. Through CWSRF assistance, these activities will support the Plan's Key Actions to: address beach and shellfish area closings, implement drinking water protection programs, increase the acreage of wetlands restored, implement coastal NPS programs, establish conservation buffers on agricultural lands, reduce polluted runoff from AFOs, define watershed priorities, support watershed restoration plans and support locally based watershed protection efforts.

The CWSRF is providing close to \$3 billion in annual funding for water quality projects nationwide. To raise awareness of the CWSRF's vast resources and encourage the use of loans to support Key Actions of the Clean Water Action Plan (CWAP), we will circulate fact sheets and guidance on

revolving fund uses specifically related to the Plan. To support this initiative, the CWSRF will seek involvement in CWAP implementation activities, disseminate information to key CWAP stakeholders and work with the Regions and States. In addition, the CWSRF is hosting regional Funding Framework workshops to train states in the development and use of integrated priority setting systems to make SRF funding decisions. The joint Region II and III workshop was held February 24th -25th and addressed more than 100 stakeholders from the SRF, NPS, estuaries, wetlands and watershed community. These workshops will support our CWAP and GPRA commitments to promote and increase the use of integrated priority setting systems.

For additional information on the CWSRF, CWAP and the Regional Funding Framework workshops contact Kong Chiu on (202) 260-1722 or Kelly Davis on (202) 260-5289.

COAL REMINING

The CWAP provides that OSM, in cooperation with EPA and land management agencies, increase its activities to clean up rivers and streams polluted by coal mine drainage and to work with key stakeholders in this effort. As part of this effort, Permits Division staff continue to work with representatives from the Interstate Mining Compact Commission (IMCC), several States, and OSM to finalize a review draft of a "white paper" regarding ways that section 301(p) of the Clean Water Act can be implemented in a way to protect surface water quality, as well as remove perceived impediments to coal remining. The group continues to make progress in developing an approach

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consistent with both the CWA and the SMCRA. EPA is working with OSM to release the draft white paper for public review in early March. For more information, contact Gary Hudiburgh on (202) 260-4926 or Dan Weese on (202) 260-6809.

WESTERN GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION (WGA) GOOD SAMARITAN PROPOSAL

The CWAP provides that the Federal land managers work in partnership with EPA, State agencies, Tribes, private parties and other interested groups to accelerate the cleanup of watersheds affected by abandoned hardrock mines. As a part of this effort, Permits Division staff participated in an advisory technical role in a meeting hosted by the WGA and attended by EPA staff, WGA staff, WGA member States, and various environmental group representatives on February 25 to continue discussions of WGA's Good Samaritan proposal for potential changes to the Clean Water Act regarding NPDES permit requirements for Good Samaritan actions at abandoned mines. The Agency is continuing to evaluate what position, if any, it will take on this proposed legislation. For more information, contact Gary Hudiburgh on (202) 260-4926 or Dan Weese on (202) 260-6809.

Storm Water Proposed Regulations

The CWAP provides that EPA publish final regulations in 1999 on phase II of the storm water program after considering public comments on the proposal. EPA's proposal for phase II was published in the Federal Register on January 9, 1998. As part of this effort, on February 5-6, EPA convened another FACA meeting, to discuss changes that were made based on comments from OMB and others on the Economic Analysis for the proposed Storm Water Phase II rule and preamble. We also had good discussions on the Tool box/implementation issues and Model

General Permit. Public hearing/public meetings on the Proposed Storm Water Phase II began on February 23, from 1-4 pm in the EPA Auditorium at Waterside Mall. The following dates already published in the federal register for public hearing/public meetings are as follows:

On February 25, Boston, Mass; on February 27, Atlanta, Georgia; on March 2, Chicago, Illinois; on March 4, Dallas, Texas; on March 6, San Francisco, California. Also, we are planning outreach to the Indian tribes in the spring through our Regional offices. For more information contact Patrick Ogbebor on (202) 260-6322.

Substantially Reduce Pollution from Animal Feeding Operations

There are approximately 450,000 animal feeding operations (AFOs) throughout the United States. AFOs can range from small livestock production facilities with few animals to extremely large production facilities generating animal wastes equivalent in magnitude to that produced by a medium-sized city. Improperly managed AFOs, either singly, or in combination with other AFOs or sources in a watershed, have been shown to cause significant environmental and public health concerns, including nutrient enrichment of surface and ground waters, contamination of water supplies, fish kills, and odors.

The Clean Water Action Plan directed EPA to release its draft AFO Strategy by March, 1998. The draft strategy outlines steps that it will take to minimize the environmental and public health effects of AFOs. The EPA draft strategy calls for improving data collection; expanding research on effects and control measures; increasing compliance assistance and enforcement with respect to applicable environmental laws and regulations; significantly expanding the number of Clean Water Act permits issued for

CAFOs (with emphasis on the largest, unpermitted facilities); ensuring that permits address such activities as land application of animal waste; revising outdated regulations; and creating incentives for voluntary implementation of measures to protect the environment and public health.

The Clean Water Action Plan also directed EPA and USDA to develop a joint, unified strategy to refocus the federal government's technical, financial, and programmatic efforts to more effectively address the environmental and public health issues associated with AFOs. A draft of the unified EPA/USDA National AFO Strategy will be available in July, 1998 and will include the following key elements, in addition to outlining the roles of involved agencies:

- Program and interagency cooperation.
- Develop and implement comprehensive management systems for AFOs.
- Comprehensive management systems will be incorporated into Clean Water Act discharge permits.
- Revising and strengthening existing permit regulations.
- Incentives to enhance environmental protection.
- Coordinated plan for research.
- Develop watershed nutrient budgets.
- Target activities to priority watersheds.
- Encourage establishment of an industry certification program.

For more information on the Clean Water Action Plan go to the following Internet site:

<http://www.epa.gov/cleanwater/action/>

What's New

Federal Funding Sources for Small Community Wastewater Systems

A publication from the Small Underserved Community Team, contains fact sheets on 10 Federal programs that provide grants, loans and technical assistance to help State, tribal and local officials plan, design and build water and wastewater systems. It was distributed to State and regional SRF, Indian Set-Aside and SCORE coordinators, associated Federal agencies, and federally recognized Indian tribes and intertribal organizations. The publication is available from the Office of Water Resource Center, Small Flows Clearinghouse, NCEPI in Cincinnati, and through the OWM's home page at "<http://www.epa.gov/owm>." For more information contact Maria Campbell on (202) 260-5815.

Upcoming Training, Meetings and Conferences

CLEAN WATER NEEDS SURVEY (CWNS) DATABASE MODERNIZATION

A Joint Application Design (JAD) workshop was held February 10th thru the 13th at the Systems Development Center in Arlington, VA. It was the second of three JADs to be conducted under the FY 1998 work plan for modernizing the CWNS database. The participants included representatives

from 4 States; CO, FL, MO and OH and a Regional representative from Region II. Several folks from the Headquarters CWNS Team also participated.

The principle business conducted at the workshop was to develop the external design for the CWNS system and get consensus concerning particular aspects of the design such as: data synchronization, Direct Connect and Federal platforms, database system security, cost curve design and template design to load State data. The needs for satisfaction, survey quality assurance, operations and maintenance, and facility summary were also accomplished through discussions about refining the windows environment. The workgroup also addressed the classification of sources and also reviewed the CWNS codes for Nonpoint Source and Stormwater.

The third JAD to be held April 20, 21, 22, and 23, 1998 will continue to refine the designs of the Second JAD: Cost Curves, Data Conversion, State Templates and final windows. There will also be a demonstration of Sewer Cost Curves, Admin Windows, State Template Windows for Flow Data and O & M. After the April JAD we will begin construction of a production application of the modernized database, Alpha test it in May and install it late in August/early September 1998. For more information, contact Jim Shuster on (202) 260-5829.

SMALL-COMMUNITY Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs) WORKSHOPS

The CSO Partnership, a consortium of communities with CSO problems with grant funding and technical assistance from EPA, is sponsoring two-day workshops designed to help small communities understand the CSO Policy. The workshops cover a range of implementation issues and include panel discussions and case studies.

Small-community workshops have already been held in West Virginia, Maine, Indiana, and Columbus, Ohio (with approximately 90 participants at each). A workshop is planned for Pennsylvania in March. For more information, contact Ross Brennan on (202) 260-6928.

Sanitary Sewer Overflows

The Office of Wastewater Management (OWM) is working with other EPA offices, NPDES States, and a Federal Advisory Subcommittee to develop a comprehensive regulatory framework to address Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs). Technical and outreach materials are being developed, and a Regional and State National SSO Coordinator's meeting is scheduled for May 1998. For more information, contact Sharie Centilla on (202) 260-6052.

March 1-4, 1998: Water Environment Federation (WEF) Industrial Waste Technical Conference in Nashville, TN. For more information, contact WEF Conference Department 1-800-666-0206.

March 10, 1998: Region 1 Quarterly Pretreatment Coordinators Meeting, in Warwick, RI. For more information, contact Mark Spinale at (617) 565-3553.

April 13-15, 1998: Region 4 States Pretreatment Conference in Gatlinburg, TN. For more information, contact Dave Olson at (404) 562-9756.

April 15-17, 1998: Region 7 & 8 Regional Pretreatment Workshop in Colorado Springs. For more information, contact Paul Marshall in Region 7 at (913) 551-7419 or Curt McCormick at (303) 312-6377.

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April 22-23, 1998: Region 3/EPA DEP/Eastern Pennsylvania Water Pollution Control Operators' Association Cosponsored Training in Myerstown, PA. For more information contact, John Lovell at 9215) 566-5790.

May 6, 1998: New Jersey WEA: "Industry/Regulatory Partnership in a Climate of Change" in Atlantic City, NJ. For more information, contact Virginia Wong at (212) 637-4241.

May 19, 1998: Idaho WEA in Pocatello, ID. For more information, contact Sharon Wilson at (206) 553-0325.

July 1998: Region 2 Pretreatment Coordinators Meeting, New York State. For more information, contact Virginia Wong at (212) 637-4241.

Water Quality Standards Academy Outreach/Partnership

The Permits Division is continuing to partner with the Standards and Applied Science Division of the Office of Science and Technology (OST) on outreach for the water quality program. Permits Division staff are revising and presenting portions of the Water Quality Standards Academy Curriculum that address implementation of water quality standards. The Permits Division will participate in a special session of the Water Quality Standards Academy for the Inspector General's office in Kansas City, MO on February 24-25. Also, the Permits Division is co-sponsoring with OST a multi-regional meeting on water quality criteria, standards, and implementation. The meeting will be held on August 24-28, 1998 in Philadelphia, PA. For more information, contact Greg Currey (202) 260-1718.

Pretreatment Training Course

In coordination with the Water Environment Federation (WEF), the National Pretreatment Program Staff has developed a training course to be

cosponsored by WEF to provide basic information about pretreatment program development and implementation. This, along with the training videos, addresses the need for more diverse training opportunities. The first courses are on March 2-3, 1998 in Nashville, Tennessee and April 20 and 21, 1998 in Baltimore, Maryland. Tentative courses are also planned for Raleigh, NC in May, Chicago, IL in June, and Columbia, SC in September. For more information contact Pat Bradley on (202) 260-6963.

NPDES Permit Writers' Training Course

Permits Division personnel conducted the NPDES Permit Writers' Training Course in Honolulu, Hawaii on January 12-16. This was the first of a series of five courses that will be co-sponsored by the Department of the Navy in 1998. Other course locations planned for this month are:

Jacksonville, FL - March 23-27, 1998

Later this year the course will be held in:

Portsmouth, NH - May 11-15, 1998
Austin, TX - July 27-31, 1998
Seattle, WA - September 21-25, 1998

The training course lasts 5 days and there is no fee for attending. If you think you might be interested in attending the NPDES Training Course and would like to be placed on a mailing list to receive the course announcements, please call Betty Peterson at (703) 917-8240. If you have any questions regarding the course, contact Daniel Weese at (202)260-6809 or by email at weese.daniel@epamail.epa.gov.



PARTICIPATION ON THE INTERAGENCY ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT (ESA) MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA)WORK GROUP

Office of Wastewater Management (OWM) staff continue to participate in the Office of Water's effort to develop a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service to better coordinate water program activities with ESA requirements. The interagency work group is meeting on a weekly basis. A final MOA is expected sometime this spring. For more information, contact Jim Pendergast on (202) 260-9545 or Tom Charlton on (202) 260-6960.

Regulations at Work

NPDES Permit Application Requirements for POTWs and other Treatment Works Treating Domestic Sewage (TWTDS)

We are currently working to finalize changes to the municipal and sludge application requirements and forms (2A/2S) which were proposed December 1995 (60 FR 62546). This rule will include two sets of application requirements and corresponding permit application forms, together with instructions for each. Section 122.21(j) contains application requirements pertaining to wastewater treatment and discharge at POTWs. The requirements are also included on Form 2A which replaces Standard Form A and ShortForm A. Section 122.21(q) contains application requirements pertaining to generation, treatment, and disposal of sewage sludge (biosolids) at POTWs and other TWTDS. TWTDS include facilities that generate sewage sludge, provide commercial treatment of sewage sludge, manufacture a product derived from sewage sludge, or provide

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disposal of sewage sludge. These requirements are also included on Form 2S which replaces the Interim Sewage Sludge Permit Application Form. For more information contact Robin Danesi on (202) 260-2991.

Procedures for Modifying Approved POTW Pretreatment Programs-Final

On July 17, 1997, a final rule to simplify the procedures for modifying POTW pretreatment programs was published in the Federal Register (62 FR 38405-38415). Fewer types of modifications are considered "substantial" and automatically subject to detailed public notice procedures. Substantial modifications may now also be approved following a single public notice if no comments are received in response to the notice. The time period for POTWs to submit non-substantial program modifications prior to implementation is extended from 30 to 45 days. Approval Authorities are required to approve or disapprove the proposed modifications within 45 days rather than the previously allowed 90 days. Revisions were made to 403.9, 403.11, 403.12, and 403.18. For more information, contact Jeff Smith on (202) 260-5586.

General Pretreatment Program Requirements-Proposal

EPA is considering several changes to streamline the pretreatment program, reducing the current burden to POTWs and industrial users, including: exclusions or variable requirements for smaller facilities that contribute insignificant amount of pollutants; clarification of requirements for implementing pretreatment standards; and more flexible reporting, inspection and sampling requirements. OWM developed draft preamble and regulatory language (May 30, 1997) for 13 specific technical issues that are the main focus

of the rulemaking. This draft was mailed to over 130 outside stakeholders in June 1997, and received comments from 78 commenters. OWM staff are reviewing the comments and expect to issue a final notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) in June 1998. For more information, contact Jeff Smith on (202) 260-5586.

STEAM ELECTRIC RELATED WORK

Pursuant to the Consent Decree in Cronin, et al. v. Browner, the Quarterly Status Report was filed in the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York on January 12, 1998. This report summarizes EPA's actions, during the last quarter, to propose and take final action with respect to regulations under § 316(b) (location and design of cooling water intake structures to minimize adverse environmental impact) of the Clean Water Act ("CWA").

Tudor Davies, Office Director for the Office of Science and Technology, has signed the Federal Register notice announcing the availability of the draft detailed industry questionnaire for public comment. There are five versions of the detailed industry questionnaire primarily reflecting the economic diversity of the facilities to be surveyed. The five versions will cover: 1) Publicly Owned Utilities; 2) Major Privately Owned Electric Utilities; 3) Rural Electric Cooperatives; 4) Non-Utility Power Producers; and 5) Manufacturers.

The 316(b) workgroup continues to evaluate and revise the draft screener questionnaire in light of comments received during the public comment period (the public comment period ended on November 17, 1997). The workgroup is also preparing the information collection request (ICR) scheduled to be submitted to OMB in February 1998. For more information contact Deborah Nagle on (202) 260-2656.

NPDES Round II Streamlining

The Permits Division NPDES Round II streamlining team has submitted a second draft of the final regulation preamble language for internal review. This streamlining effort has the greatest impact in eliminating evidentiary hearings, expansion and flexibility in the use of general permits, and allows for monitoring waivers (if the discharger can certify that guideline listed pollutants are not part of the effluent). A draft of the final regulation for review by other EPA concerned parties is expected to follow after approval. At that time, the team will work with these offices to address their concerns about the rule. Additionally, the NPDES Round II streamlining team has developed a communication strategy for the release of the final regulation. This is also currently under internal review. For more information contact Howard Rubin on (202) 260-2051.

Modification of the NPDES Multi-Sector Storm Water General Permit (MSGP)

Headquarters staff and Regional Storm Water Coordinators have completed the first draft of the response to comments received on the proposed modifications to the MSGP. Once the summary of response to comments is finalized, changes will be completed to the permit and fact sheet and both will be distributed to the Regional Offices for signature. EPA initiated internal consultation with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service on February 9, 1998 on the modification to the MSGP; preview discussions over the past few weeks with representatives of the US Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service have been positive and indicate that only revisions to the county list of endangered and threatened species

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will be necessary to complete consultation. For more information contact Bryan Rittenhouse on (202) 260-9592.

Construction General Permit

EPA Regions 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 and 10 have reissued the general permit (replacing the Baseline Construction General Permit issued by EPA in September 1992) which authorizes the discharge of storm water from construction activity disturbing five or more acres. This permit may also be used on a site-by-site basis for storm water discharges from construction activity disturbing less than five acres (referred to as Phase II storm water sources) when required by the Agency. It will not affect areas where states are the permitting authorities. The general permit provides EPA with an effective mechanism to regulate discharges from tens of thousands of construction sites, protecting and improving surface water quality across the nation. The permit was published in the Federal Register on 17 Feb (63 FR 7858) and is available at this time on the Internet at : "http://www.epa.gov/owm/cgp.htm." The most significant changes include different requirements dealing with endangered and threatened species and critical habitats, plus requirements to post the confirmation of permit coverage including a brief description of the project at the project site. An informational mass mailing to interested groups and Indian Tribes will be conducted in the areas covered by the permit. Included in the mailing will be the permit application form, the "notice of intent" (NOI), which will soon be conditionally approved by the Office of Management and Budget and published in the Federal Register. An accessible and indexed record of the public comments and Agency responses has been completed and can be reviewed at the OW Docket. The general public can get additional information by calling the appropriate Regional office; those

individuals in Region 2 can call 1-800-245-6510. Regions 4 and 6 are issuing their own versions of the CGP and will be published in the Federal Register soon. For more information, contact Brian Rittenhouse on (202) 260-0592.

State/Region Specific

Regional Pretreatment Coordinators

Region 1 is assisting States that are modifying their NPDES permits to the "Watershed" approach. Next quarterly Approved Program Coordinators meeting is scheduled for Mar. 10, 1998, in Warwick, RI. Contact: Mark Spinale at (617) 565-3554.

Region 2 is planning a pretreatment coordinators workshop in July 1998, in New York State (location is not yet final). Passaic Valley, NJ's Effluent Trading Pilot Project has matched sellers and buyers of effluent loadings. New Jersey has adopted new rules, including specific penalties against non-implementing programs. NJWEAConference is scheduled for May 6, 1998, in Atlantic City: "Industry/Regulatory Partnership in a Climate of Change". Contact: Virginia Wong at (212) 637-4241.

Region 3 has collected 1994-96 POTW influent and effluent data to support a pilot project showing the effective-ness of the pretreatment program. Earlier data are now being compiled. EPA, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and Eastern Pennsylvania Water Pollution Control Operators' Association are cosponsoring training in Myerstown, PA on Apr. 22-23, 1998 on: Pollution Prevention, Enforcement, laboratory QA/QC, using the internet. Contact: John Lovell at (215) 566-5790.

Region 4 States Conference is scheduled for April 13-15, 1998, in Gatlinburg, TN. Contact: Dave Olson at (404) 562-9756.

Region 5 hopes to delegate Illinois and Indiana State Pretreatment programs in 1998. A Removal Credit authorization was approved for Sauget, IL, in 1997. The Region is working on a multi-media and pollution prevention approach to eliminate Mercury output within the Great Lakes program. A Regional pretreatment home page is coming soon! Contact: Matt Gluckman at (312) 886-6089.

Region 6 is currently working to authorize Texas's NPDES and Pretreatment program. The Region modified the pretreatment audit checklist to include Pollution Prevention questions, for use as both a teaching tool and to provide guidance to POTWs. Enforcement activities are now evolving from direct implementation to oversight. The Region also is piloting an electronic reporting project. The 15th Annual Regional Seminar (1997) had 325 participants; 1998's Workshop will be in Ft. Worth, Texas, in early August. For more information, contact Lee Bohme at (214) 665-7532.

Region 7 is cosponsoring a Regional Pretreatment Work-shop in Colorado Springs with Region 8 on Apr.15-17, 1998. The Region approved a modified audit/PCI form that is being used in some of its states. Contact: Paul Marshall at (913) 551-7419.

Region 8 is cosponsoring a Regional Pretreatment Work-shop with Region 7 (see above). With local and State governments, the Region is conducting a Hauled Waste Study which may result in some enforcement action. Contact: Curt McCormick at (303) 312-6377.

Region 10 co-sponsored two training workshops in 1997 (in Washington and in Portland, Oregon) and is assisting with the Idaho Wastewater Operators Conference in Pocatello, ID. Contact: Sharon Wilson at (206) 553-0325.

Tribal News

Grants for Wastewater Treatment Systems

OWM is stepping up its efforts to increase tribal awareness of and access to assistance grants for the construction of wastewater systems under the Clean Water Act Indian Set-Aside (ISA) Grant Program.

Several outreach tools were recently developed and disseminated to the Regions for use at regional meetings, conferences, workshops and other events with tribes to further communicate the goals of the ISA program. They include:

- a three-panel brochure that discusses the purpose of the ISA program, administration of the program with the Indian Health Service (IHS), use of IHS's data system for project identification, and points of contact for further information.
- a booklet that provides answers to frequently asked questions about the ISA program. It provides information on the grant application process, program regulations and requirements, project eligibilities as well as contacts for technical assistance.
- a resource guide that highlights 10 Federal programs that help state, tribal, and local officials identify possible funding sources for the construction of wastewater systems.

Copies of these documents can be obtained by calling (202) 260-7786. Additionally, they will soon be available through the Internet at OWM's home

page at "<http://www.epa.gov/owm>." For more information, contact Sylvia Bell (202) 260-7255.

Other Initiatives

HARDSHIP GRANT FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES: STATUS

The first Hardship Grant Program for Rural Communities deadline is approaching. States, Puerto Rico and the Territories must submit a Notice of Intent to utilize the Hardship Grant Program to the Regions by March 20, 1998, otherwise their funds will be re-allotted. 32 of a possible total of 55 States and Territories have already submitted their Notice of Intent. An additional 18 are planning to submit their Notice of Intent by the March 20, 1998 deadline. The Regions have alerted the 18 states that have yet to submit their Notice of Intent of the consequences if they miss the deadline.

Wyoming and South Dakota are planning to fund Tribal Communities with their Hardship Grant allotment. South Dakota will fund the community of Ridgeview. They are currently served with failing septic tanks and are planning to use the grant to build a collection system and link to a nearby treatment plant. Wyoming will fund an area near the Ft. Washakie treatment plant, also replacing failing septic tanks with a collection system. Both projects will receive additional funding assistance from the Indian Health Service. For more information, contact Stephanie vonFeck on (202)260-9762.

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